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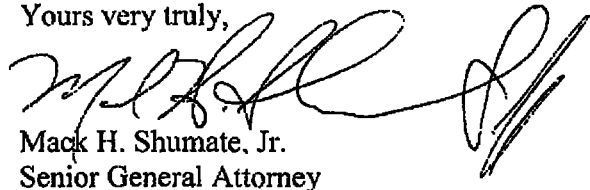
**Re: Abandonment and Discontinuance of a Portion of the Lockport Branch in  
Lafourche Parish, LA – STB Docket Nos. AB-318 (Sub-No. 7X) and AB-33  
(Sub-No. 277X)**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") received a request for clarification from the Board's representative, Ms. Terry Guy, concerning the above-referenced matter. As referenced in UP's re-filing of the Combined Environmental and Historic Report on October 4, 2011, after consultation with Victoria Rutson and Kenneth Blodgett it was mutually agreed that the Combined Environmental and Historic Report should be re-filed in order to give the various governmental entities sufficient time to comment to the Board before UP and Louisiana and Delta Railroad, Inc. ("LDRR") filed the subject Notice of Exemption. It was also determined that the initial Notice of Exemption filed with the Board on September 29, 2011 should be held in abeyance pending completion of said twenty (20) day period for review of the recirculated Combined Environmental and Historic Report.

Union Pacific hereby requests that said original Notice of Exemption filing on behalf of both UP and LDRR be held in abeyance until October 25, 2011, a period being at least twenty (20) days after the re-filing and service of the Combined Environmental and Historic Report to the governmental agencies having a potential interest therein.

Yours very truly,



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